

The Book of Revelation: 7- My Final Word

We've done a cursory study of the book to get the basic understanding of the various ways this epistle is translated.

What can we draw from our study to help us re-evaluate Revelation?

To keep you thinking analytically so you don't go back to your stayed ways...

Let's refresh our minds about what we've covered in the previous sessions by watching Brian Simmons' webinar on Revelation titled 'The Unveiling'.

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October Webinar - Part 3: The Unveiling, a study on the Book of Revelation with Dr. Brian Simmons

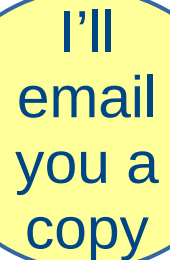
Brian Simmons' Notes

The Unveiling

Introduction to the Book of Revelation
Part I

Get ready to be challenged and rocked as you study the book of Revelation and discern the glory that is coming to the earth! We are not looking to be taken away, for the overcoming Bride is being revealed! Keep in mind, this is much more than a study of REVELATION, it is a study of how Jesus will be UNVEILED in His Bride in the last days. There is much yet to see from the book of revelation so open your heart and ask the Lord for eyes that see.

- The most deeply spiritual book of the New Testament is before you now.
- Revelation is a book written for you, to satisfy your craving to be one with Jesus Christ. It is something that must be **"eaten"** (Rev. 10:9) if it is to be understood. It is a meal to be savored.
- Revelation is a book of symbols that require discernment, time, and the Holy Spirit before we learn the meaning of the symbols. They will yield their meaning, but it takes time. Therefore, to UNDERSTAND the book of Revelation requires TIME. It can be compared to **"learning a foreign language."** Be patient.



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Let's also refresh our minds about what we've covered in the previous sessions by reading Malcolm Smith's notes on Revelation

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Malcolm Smith's Notes

REVELATION VOL. I

METHOD OF INTERPRETATION

Let us come to our first lecture, and begin with Revelation and Chapter 1 Reading from the first chapter, first verse:

The revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave to him to show to his bond-servants the things which must shortly take place, and He sent and communicated it by his angel to his bond-servant John who bore witness to the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ even to all that he saw. Blessed is he that reads and those who hear the words of the prophesy and heed the things which are written in it, for the time is near'. Verse 9, 'I John your brother, a fellow partaker in the tribulation and Kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus was on the Island called Patmos because of the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

As we come to this first lecture of the Book of Revelation, I want to start out by noting one or two things that I believe are important, especially for those of you who have not heard anything that I have said on the Book of Revelation before.

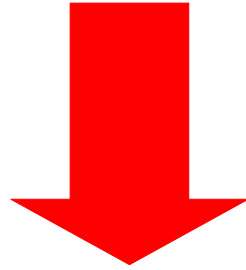
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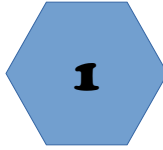
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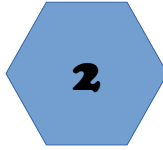
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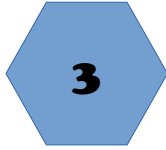
Here's my important takeaway summary
of all we've uncovered in this
investigation



Don't equate 'blessing' from reading Revelation with an emotion – like feeling warm and fuzzy when you read it with your eschatological 'glasses' on.



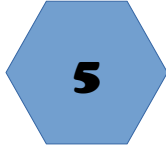
"Soon" etc. has to be taken into account -
it cannot be dismissed.



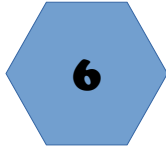
Picture language can't be interpreted from a 21st century mindset.

They can only be interpreted by the understanding that 1st century believers had.

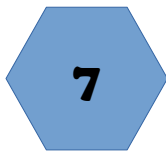
The vision only showed John what was needed to be taken in for the purpose of the message to be sent to the believers in Asia Minor – nothing more.



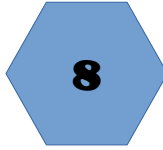
It was written for 1st century believers, not us.



It does not dovetail with Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21 to create a scenario that predicts the end of life on Earth

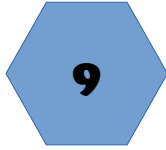


Any picture language can't be taken literally.



All the many books and documents which list the meaning of the symbols show a great deal of variation because it's man's interpretation of scripture.

Therefore, the Bible **cannot** be used to perfectly interpret its picture language.



You can choose which ever End Time eschatology you like.

But remember, they all come from the teachings of men.

The only correct interpretation is the one which Jesus himself will show us when he's ready.

Cyclical prophecy which says that the message was written for the end of things as well as it's purpose for 1st century believers is a man-made understanding.

It may NOT be true, even if you believe it to be so.

Don't 'poohoo' any other interpretation because you may be totally wrong in your interpretation.

That would be foolishness & arrogance.

Don't belittle any one else's interpretation.

That's religious arrogance.

Don't waste your time debating End Time interpretations of Revelation.

It's irrelevant from a Kingdom perspective.

Cease spending time trying to understand the hidden meanings in Revelation.

The kingdom is moving ahead and the King is speaking to us about what really matters. That's where your focus must be.



Every theology which Christians derive, establish or reinforce from Revelation is based on the church's interpretation.

This means it's man's understanding, not God's.

Most believers would probably call me a heretic for what I've stated in this session.

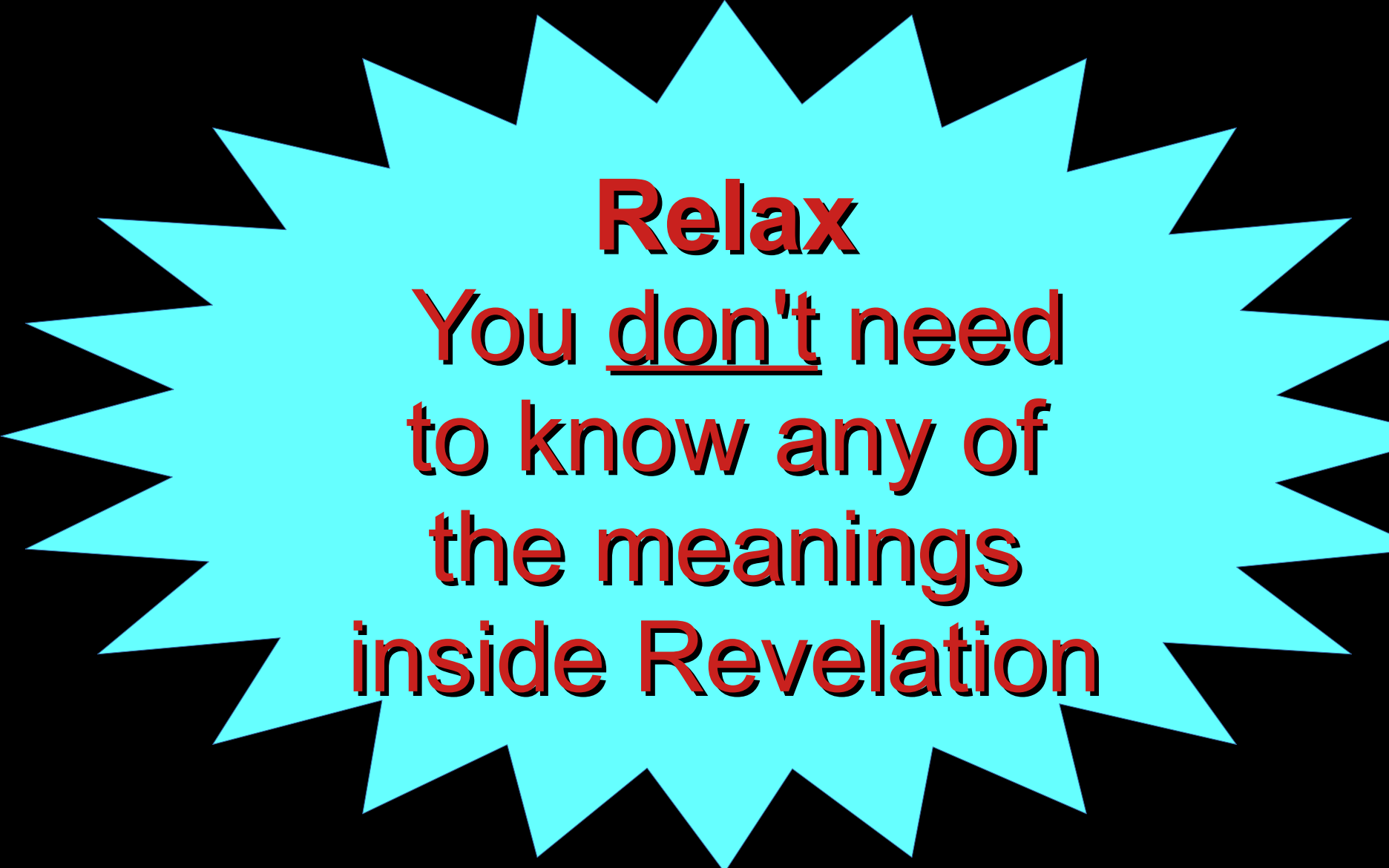
That's because they are dogmatic about their interpretation of Revelation and their acceptance of church dogma as being totally accurate.

Here's my
final word on
Revelation...



What I say next may offend some of you.

But, it was deposited in me as I sought to find out what we need to know about Revelation – that's the whole reason for this investigation.



Relax
You don't need
to know any of
the meanings
inside Revelation

WHY?

It wasn't a letter that
was written to you

**Let that 'sink in'
for a minute**

It's like me being frustrated because I can't read my great great grandmother's faded hand-written letter to my mum's grandmother, for my family history, because it was written in Welsh.

It'd be nice to know what she wrote, but in the big scheme of things (i.e. **the Kingdom**), it's irrelevant.

Do you think God isn't big enough to tell you what you need to know for your growth as his son?

If so, it infers that somehow you think he doesn't speak to everyone in this day and age on matters that are important to them?

Anything you need to know about the future you can ask Father and he'll tell you what you need to know.

When necessary, he'll also give his genuine prophets messages for the *ekklesia*, including big picture details.

This is why I wrote that being focused on biblical prophecy is a waste of time.

He'll tell us what we need to know about the future and to prepare for it because he looks after the best interests of his sons.

Focus on what
you're doing as a son
right **NOW** and what
you've been advised you
will be doing in the near
future



It's time for you to take
your own stance

WITHOUT FEAR



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Foreword by MICHAEL HORTON

A Case for

AMILLENNIALISM

UNDERSTANDING THE END TIMES

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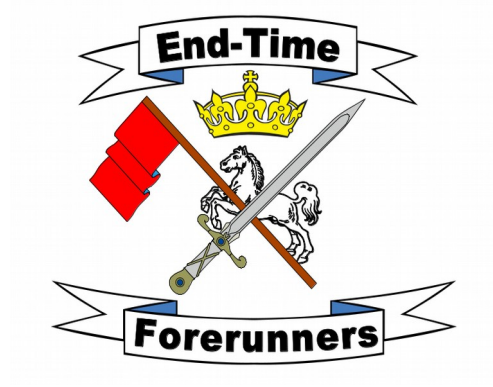
A Case for Amillennialism

‘Amillennialism is centred in the present reign of Jesus Christ. Amillennialism is grounded in redemptive history, the historical acts of God as they unfold in the Bible to provide for the salvation of his people. Although it is commonly argued that amillenarians do not believe in any millennial age (the term itself, a millennial, could imply as much), this is not the case. Amillenarians believe that the millennium is a present reality (Christ’s heavenly reign), not a future hope (Christ’s rule on earth after his return).’

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